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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2629

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For: DRIVING METHOD AND DEVICE OF ELECTRO-OPTIC ELEMENT, AND
ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the September 3, 2008 Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Group II, claims 30 and 33, with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims, as is evidenced by the previous Office Actions for the present application. Specifically, in the March 27, 2008 Office Action, the October 18, 2007 Office Action, the December 28, 2006 Office Action, the July 11, 2006 Office Action, the March 7, 2006 Office Action, the September 20, 2005 Office Action, and the November 18, 2004 Office Action, a search for the subject matter of all the Groups of claims was performed.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden, as is shown in at least the above listed Office Actions. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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